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CHEKIANG POPULATION EXCEEDS 20 MILLION;  
CANTON JAILS OVERCROWDED

Hangchow -- According to data supplied by the Civil Affairs Department of the provincial government, the population of Chekiang is 4,847,312 families, or 20,102,755 persons. Males 10,638,127; females 9,464,628. Prior to liberation, the whole population was 19,985,435 persons.

The city of Wen-chou, and Yin Hsien, Ting-hai Hsien, Jui-an Hsien Lin-hai Hsien Tung-yang Hsien, Hsiao-shan Hsien, and Chu-chi Hsien all have populations of over 400,000.

Hang Hsien, Chia-hsing Hsien, Hai-ning Hsien, Jung-chia Hsien, Lo-ch'ing Hsien, I-wu Hsien, Shao-hsing Hsien, Hui-chi Hsien, and Ch'eng Hsien all have populations of over 300,000.

The administrative divisions having a population of over 2 million are Chia-hsing, Ning-po, Wen-chow, T'ai-chow, Chin-hua and Shao-hsing.

The smallest administrative division is Chier-te, with a population of 716,870 persons.

Canton, 25 May -- During the past few months, the Communist Forces in Canton have been arresting a large number of people for various charges, detaining them in two jails belonging to the People's Court or in the Public Peace Preservation Bureau jail. It is estimated that there are more than 1,000 of these prisoners, excluding those imprisoned at two other secret jails in Canton. A responsible official of one jail recently reported that all the jails

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are now filled to capacity, and with the coming of warm weather, the sanitary situation is becoming worse. Consequently, a meeting was held by the Associate Judge of the People's Court, Wan Ssu-yuan, and the Chief of the Sanitation Bureau, Ch'en Ju-t'ang, who worked out the following plans, which were approved by the Military Control Commission, to disperse most of the prisoners:

1. Special agents and suspects are to be sent to Hankow for re-education; however, the most dangerous ones are to be executed.
2. Minor offenders are to be divided into those to be detained and those to be released on bail.
3. Murderers and thieves are to be sent to the Northeast or Hainan as farm and industrial laborers.

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